

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. CONTRACT ID CODE			
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO.		3. EFFECTIVE DATE		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)	
6. ISSUED BY CODE				7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) CODE			
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)				(X)		9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICIATION NO.	
						9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)	
						10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
CODE		FACILITY CODE					

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☐ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended, ☐ is not extended.  
Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:  
(a) By completing items 8 and 15, and returning \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted;  
or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE  
PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment  
your desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this  
amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

CHECK ONE	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☐ is not, ☐ is required to sign this document and return \_\_\_\_\_ copies to the issuing office.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16C. DATE SIGNED
(Signature of person authorized to sign)		(Signature of Contracting Officer)	

Question 1: In Question 2 of Amendment 3, the government states, "Resumes are required for the recommended three Steering Committee members (Task 1.5), three Content Experts (Task 1.6), and ten Library Committee Members (Task 1.7). Offerors only need to recommend a total of 3 content experts in the following topic areas: Reading, mathematics, and teacher preparation and in research methodology."

1A We understand the purpose of asking bidders to provide recommendations for potential Committee members was to demonstrate an understanding of the type of expertise members should possess to fulfill the ERIC mission. Yet, by requiring bidders to submit resumes for these individuals, it seems ED is also expecting bidders to obtain a contingency commitment from the potential members on behalf of ED. Is it in the Department's best interest to have potential vendors obtain such commitments, even on a contingency basis, without any discussions with ED first?

1B: Since ED increased the estimated level of effort from 48,000 hours to 81,000, the number of FTE has increased to approximately 43 FTE; this does not include the 22 Committee recommendations. If ED is now requiring resumes for all project staff and the 22 recommended individuals, that will bring the Resume Packet proposal submission to a minimum of 65 pages if we limit each person to a one-page resume, but mostly a higher page count since some project staff will be partial FTEs. With a 50 page limit on the resume volume, bidders would only have room to submit about a paragraph on each proposed personnel and committee member. Would the government please consider restoring the original requirement of just Key Personnel or increase the allowable page limit for resumes to 100 total pages?

Answer 1: The 50 page limit is for the Technical Proposal. ED is not limiting the number of pages in the Appendix. Please see answer # 3 of amendment # 2.

Question 2: Reference RFP Section L.13: In light of the 37.5% Small Business set-aside requirement, can a large business that plays a significant and important subcontractor role but contributes less than 25% of the total contract dollar value be considered by the prime to be a major subcontractor, i.e. we can submit experience citations for them that will be evaluated?

Answer 2: Any Contractor Performance Information forms submitted through the Past Performance Report will be evaluated.

Question 3: Reference Section M.1 B.1: There is a statement that says; The past performance rating will be combined with the technical rating at a ratio of 36% past performance to technical to produce a combined quality rating. There is also a statement in Section M.2 that says: Technical and past performance, when combined, are more important than cost or price. We want to make sure we are interpreting how the evaluation will be performed. Is this interpretation correct and if not please clarify.

Total Technical Points = 150 points  
Past Performance = 36% of 150 = 54 points  
Price is less important than Technical + Past Performance: We are assuming less important means half the points  
Price =  $204/2 = 102$  points  
Small Business Plan = 25 points  
Total evaluation Points = 331 points

Answer 3: Price will not be numerically scored. The total not to exceed amount for Past Performance is 36 points.

Question 4: Reference Attachment D, Small Business Subcontracting Plan. Please provide information as to how the plan will be scored to obtain the total of 25 points. For example, does the distribution of the 37.5% across the types of small business listed have an effect on the score obtained or can one subcontract be awarded to one regular small business equaling 37.5% and still obtain the 25 points?

- (i) Veteran Owned Small Business Concerns:
- (ii) HUBZone Small Business Concerns:
- (iii) Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns:
- (iv) Women Owned Small Business Concerns:
- (v) Service Disabled Veteran Small Business Concerns

Answer 4: The distribution across the type of small business does not have an effect on the score.

Question 5: Does the recent court decision which effects small business contracting law have any effect on this procurement or on the Small Business Subcontracting Plan to be submitted by the offeror?

<http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1108/110608e1.htm>

<http://fcw.com/articles/2008/11/07/court-ruling-could-affect-future-smallbusiness-setasides.aspx>

Answer 5: These recent court decisions appear to be in reference to set asides. This procurement is a full and open procurement. ED does not see how these court decisions are applicable. ED does not have any clauses in the RFP giving preferential treatment to any special groups.

Question 6: Relative to Amendment 2 Q&A number 137 and 138: Will the all ERIC software be delivered to the successful offeror fully functional with the hardware it is currently installed on? If not will the incumbent be required to assist the successful awardee in the installation of GFE software on new hardware to ensure a smooth transition?

Answer 6: The items that ED owns and will be providing to the offerors are listed on pages 21 and 22 of the Performance Work Statement.

Question 7: Relative to Amendment 2 Q&A – Question 154: RFP question 4.3 seems to be biased toward the incumbent. A new workflow system can't be configured until use cases are developed. The RFP does not provide adequate information including Exhibit 300 and the TRM table to design a workflow system and as such accurate screenshots can only be delivered by the incumbent. Please remove this requirement.

Answer 7: The workflow system is supposed to be applicable to the offeror's total technical solution.

Question 8: Relative to Amendment 2: Q&A number 43: While we understand the past performance is a separate volume we need to know if there is a page limit to this volume.

Answer 8: There is no page limit to the Past Performance volume.

Question 9: Of the 214,000 full-text materials referenced in PWS 2. Background: what is the average length of each document?

Answer 9: ED does not know the answer to this question and does not see how the answer will assist an offeror in submitting a quality proposal.